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2024 Annual OAS Symposium in Thunder Bay
Gathering Around Gichigami (Lake Superior):
Archaeology Beyond Borders
October 25th - 27th, 2024

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MEMBERSHIP

	Without OA	With OA
Individual	45 (65)*	57 (77)*
Family	52 (72)	64 (84)
Student	25 (45)	34 (54)
Institutional	75 (includes OA)	
Life	800 (includes OA)	

*Effective 2024, the print version of Arch Notes will cost \$25 per year to mail. Otherwise, a subscription to the digital version of Arch Notes is automatically included with the cost of a standard OAS membership.

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We would like to acknowledge that our OAS events are taking place on Traditional Indigenous Territory. There are many Indigenous Nations in what is now known as Ontario and they have shaped the history of this land for thousands of years. On these lands, Indigenous Peoples have developed distinct languages, customs, economies, laws, and ways of life. We want to show respect for this by acknowledging that we are on the land of the Algonquin, Cree, Oji-Cree, Delaware, Mississauga, Odawa, Ojibway, Pottawatomi, Haudenosaunee (Mohawk, Onondaga, Onoyota'a:ka, Cayuga, Tuscarora, and Seneca), Huron-Wendat, Métis, and Inuit.

***Acknowledgements:** Thanks to Josh and Kaitlyn for helping to compile the reports; thanks to Josh for editing a draft also. We appreciate everyone taking the time to write their reports!*



***About the 2024 OAS Symposium Logo:** Thank you to Lauryn Eady-Sitar for creating the beautiful OAS 51th Annual Symposium logo and for her other extraordinary work. She was hired as the 2024 OAS Symposium Assistant (as funded through the Ontario Summer Experience Opportunities Program). Lauryn is currently a graduate student at Lakehead University and has worked for the OAS for the last three summers.*

THE ONTARIO ARCHAEOLOGICAL SOCIETY



**ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING
51ST ANNUAL OAS SYMPOSIUM
Scandia Room III
Valhalla Hotel and Conference Centre
Thunder Bay, ON
Saturday, Oct. 27, 2024, 4:15 pm
*Agenda (Approved)***

1. President's opening remarks
2. Minutes of the previous annual business meeting (2023)
3. Matters arising from those minutes
4. President's report
5. Treasurer's report
 - a. Financial statements for 2023
 - b. Appointment of Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP Auditors for 2024 review
6. Election of Directors
7. Next OAS symposia
8. Strategic Plan (2019-2024)
9. Other business
10. Motion of thanks
11. Adjournment

***Gathering Around Gichigami (Lake Superior):
Archaeology Beyond Borders***

(Note: According to the OAS Constitution - Article 4, No. 11 - the OAS Annual Report shall include the minutes of the previous Annual Business Meeting, which is why they are included herein. The convention has been to also include the ABM agenda of the current year along with that, noting the place and time where it was scheduled).

Ontario Archaeological Society



ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: Minutes (Approved)

Saturday, November 4, 2023

4:15 - 6:00 pm

50th Annual OAS Symposium

Bruce County Museum and Cultural Centre,

Bruce Power Theatre,

33 Victoria Street North, Southampton

OAS 50TH ANNUAL SYMPOSIUM



Board Members

In Attendance:

Jill Taylor-Hollings, President

Abbey Flower, Vice President

Nancy Kallina, Treasurer

Josh Dent, Director of Member Services; Webmaster

Craig Ramsoomair, Director of Outreach

Jeff Seibert, Director of Heritage Advocacy

Jake Cousineau, Director of Education

Susan Dermakar, Director of Chapter Services

Greg Braun, Director of Publications

Kaitlyn Malleau, Executive Director

Call to Order – 4:20pm

1. President's opening remarks

- Land Acknowledgement
- Motion to accept the agenda: Moved Susan Dermakar, 2nd by Chris Kerns

Vote: Carried unanimously

2. Minutes of the previous annual business meeting

- Moved Matt Beaudoin, 2nd Tom Mohr

Vote: One abstention, Carried.

3. Matters arising from those minutes – None brought forward.

4. President's report

- Introduction of present board members
- One of Jill's goals for this year was to promote OAS as a provincial organization and ensuring interest and representation from across the province, including and especially Northern Ontario.
- This year the OAS had the opportunity to hire a full time Executive Director, which has been invaluable to the board and the organization. The OAS Board made the decision to hire a full time ED for the first time. Having a full time ED has been critical to both deal with a backlog of issues as well as keeping our initiatives moving forward.
- Provided an overview of membership statistics, including number of members overall and of each membership type to indicate we are doing well.
- Outreach – Craig Ramsomair received national Canadian Archaeological Association award for his outreach work with the OAS. The Board acknowledges Craig for his incredible work to promote the OAS and have an active presence on social media. Craig was instrumental in initiating the mentorship program and the OAS would like to continue to grow the program. We are sorry that Craig is leaving the board and thank him for his service.
- Summer Experience Program grant of just over \$11000 from the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport – OAS had three students again this year, all of whom were excellent and made substantial contributions to the OAS during their short term of hire (early June to end of August); rehired Lauryn Eady-Sitar in Thunder Bay (with Jill and Clarence Surette), hired Conor Egan in London (with Museum of Ontario Archaeology employees Heather Hatch and Rhonda Bathurst and Kaitlyn supervising) and Landunika Tennakoon in the GTA to work with the main OAS Board and Timmins Martelle Heritage Consultants on the OAS Symposium Committee.
- Education – continuing the Indigenous Archaeological Monitoring Training Program. More communities are asking and approaching the OAS for support and participation in the training program. Volunteers have been critical to its success and we thank them so much for everything they have done to keep this program going and growing.
- Federal Community Services Recovery Grant from United Way of Thunder Bay of \$66K – successfully awarded to grow the Indigenous Archaeological Monitor Training through Northwestern Ontario specifically. Jill applied for the grant and will be leading the way to grow this initiative with the support of the OAS board and other volunteers. It will help support the main society by funding administrative support and the purchase of a new computer.
- Chapters – the Board is discussing post-COVID challenges within the chapters. e.g., Does in-person meeting still work? Papers, publications, and/or presentations, what is it that the membership wants and needs?

- Publications – Ontario Archaeology Vol. 101 published and working on OA 102; our newsletter ArchNotes is still in need of content, always looking for ideas and contributors.

4.1 Constitutional amendments:

4.1 Original constitution statement:

Article 7 Duties of Directors

12. The Vice-President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board four times per year, of which at least three meetings of the Executive Board must occur face to face. Notice thereof, together with the Agenda, shall be given in writing to all members of the Executive Board at least seven days prior to such meeting.

Amendment: *Article 7 Duties of Directors*

12. The Vice-President shall call a meeting of the Executive Board four times per year. Notice thereof, together with the Agenda, shall be given in writing to all members of the Executive Board prior to such meeting.

- A Motion on Duties of Directors was made in two parts: A) On the subject of requiring to meet in person at least four times per year of which three should be in-person. Proposing to amend to remove that requirement. Saves money for the OAS and makes participation on the board by people located around the province more accessible. B) Proposal to remove the requirement for the agenda and board package ahead of meetings to be circulated a minimum of 7 days in advance.
- **Motion for the board to move ahead with the above noted constitutional changes.**
Moved by Lara Wood, 2nd by Jim Keron
- Discussion of the rationale for both the original clauses and changes. Noted the need to have agendas circulated in advance of board meetings but also acknowledge the board is voluntary and a full seven days is sometimes a challenge. No changes to the motion were proposed.

Vote: Passed unanimously

5. Treasurer's report

5.1 Financial statements for 2022 (Audited)

- Nancy provided an overview of the 2022 audited financial statements for the organization, which are published and provided in detail within the annual report.
- Nancy also provided an overview of the 2023 financial outlook. Membership revenue is up this year to date, but the OAS is pending receipt of the Provincial Heritage Organization grant.
- Recommendation that the board consider increasing membership fees in order to work toward a more sustainable operation, particularly with a full time ED and all the operational and programming benefits that come along with a full time ED on staff.

- Overview of the publications costs vs amounts coming in, currently is costing significantly more to produce the hard copy publications than what is currently being charged.
- Jim Keron – question re: any issues in cash flow with the late receipt of the PHO grant? Nancy noted that there is enough in reserve and with other grants that the OAS can continue to operate without issue until the grant is received.
- Discussion around cost of publications and option to continue to use the dedicated publication fund to publish OA. Some suggested that the fund does need to be used to offset costs of the publication, since that its purpose. But also noted that need to be cognizant of not drawing down so far that it cannot sustain future OA publications
- **Motion to approve 2022 Financial Statements** – Moved by Jim Sherratt, 2nd by Jim Keron

Vote: Carried, unanimously

5.2 Appointment of Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP auditors

- Motion that the accounting firm Weinberg & Gaspirc Chartered Accountants LLP be appointed to perform the OAS financial audit for the 2023 financial year.
- Tom Mohr – question about whether this includes a formal audit vs review and whether it is required. Nancy confirmed, an audit is included and required.
- Moved by Tom Mohr, 2nd by Matt Beaudoin
- Discussion – noted that even with an increase in rates, having the knowledge of our organization is worth a lot, having to educate and familiarize a new firm on the working of the OAS will add significant cost and time. No changes to the motion proposed.

Vote: Carried, unanimously

6. Election of Directors

6.1 President Elect Nomination – Dr. Lisa Sonnenburg

Ask for nominations from the floor, none received.

- **Motion to elect Dr. Sonnenburg** - Lara Wood moved, 2nd by Josh Dent.

Vote: Carried unanimously

6.2 Treasurer Nomination – Penny Young

Ask for nominations from the floor, none received.

- **Motion to elect** – Moved by Holly Martelle, 2nd by Chris Kerns.

Vote: Carried unanimously

6.3 Director of Public Outreach – looking for nominations

Ask for nominations from the floor – Breanne Reibl nominated from the floor by Craig.

- **Motion to elect** – Moved Craig Ramsoomair, 2nd by Kat Bishop.

Vote: Carried, unanimously

7. **Next OAS symposia?**

2024 – Thunder Bay Chapter to host

- Question from Scott McWilliams about the annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop & being hosted sometimes by the Thunder Bay Chapter (reference to page 28 in the report). Issue with artifact swap and trade in Minnesota that he has seen advertised. Were these archaeological artifacts? Was this sanctioned? Was this driven by others outside of Ontario?
- Clarification from Jill: The annual Lake Superior Basin Workshop has been operating for over 40 years and was set up by archaeologists on both sides of the border. There is a lithic materials swap, but not artifacts.
- Potential concerns raised with cross border representation and cross border regulations, possibility for non-archaeologist to attend and use the information for where to go artifact hunting or metal detecting? Jill noted that when the OAS hosts in Thunder Bay, anyone attending would have to abide by Ontario and Canadian laws and regulations.
- 2025 – One or Two Chapters to host – TBD

8. **Progress on Strategic Plan (2019-2024)**

- Important for the organization to have a strategic plan in place. Current plan ends in 2024. It is a very detailed plan that was diligently put together by Alicia Hawkins and the board during her tenure as OAS president.
- Board will be reviewing the strategic plan and creating an updated plan for going forward.

9. **Other business**

9.1 Proposal to consider having an ad-hoc committee to discuss protocols for how to address chance finds; possibly a task force or committee to also deal with the ad-hoc discovery of human remains, help support the chapters in dealing with these situations and drawing on the profession for support. Lara Wood volunteered to chair this committee.

- Could the OAS come up with a policy around metal detecting? Something that members could look to and use to support education of individuals? Suggestion that this be one of the objectives of the new committee described above. Expression of interest or offer from Dena Doroszenko to support and be a resource on this initiative.
- Note on needing to work together and take a more educational or collaborative approach. Metal detectorists will continue to do it anyway, why not try to build relationships and work towards more balanced or positive outcomes.

10. **Motion of thanks to,**

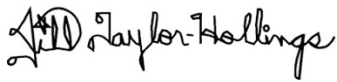
- All volunteers

- The Symposium Planning Committee
- The Summer Experience Students
- Outgoing board members Craig Ramsoomair and Nancy Kallina for their efforts with to OAS and continuing to better the organization.

11. Adjournment

- **Motion to adjourn at 5:50pm.** Moved by Matt Beaudoin, 2nd by Holly Martelle.
Vote: Carried, unanimously

Next ABM will be held in Thunder Bay, Ontario at the 51st Annual Symposium in October 2024.



Jill Taylor-Hollings
President



Abbey Flower
Vice-President



PRESIDENT'S REPORT FOR 2024



Hi everyone! I hope you are all staying well and keeping warm. As I was reflecting on the past year (as we archaeologists do dwell in the past a fair amount!), while editing and finalizing the 2024 OAS Annual Report, it is clear that it has been another very successful and busy annum for the Ontario Archaeological Society (OAS) and its members. I am grateful to learn from and be part of such an amazing group of people. As you look through these pages, it provides a summary about some of the many things we have been doing as a primarily volunteer-based society across the province. The OAS

continues to advance education, heritage advocacy, and providing forums for all those interested in archaeology to meet and discuss issues. Whether you are an Indigenous person, professional archaeologist, student, avocational, or member of the public, the society offers a way to discuss our shared love of archaeology.

Often this work is assisting members or inquiries from the public about ancient belongings or archaeological sites. Sometimes, it is responding to different community needs, working with government, public archaeology, other heritage groups, museums, or educational institutions (see all of the reports from other members of the board, the editorial team, and Chapter Presidents). One key comment about 2024 is a noticeable increase in heritage advocacy issues all across the province (see Jeff's report). It might be Indigenous individuals not being heard about heritage on their Traditional lands, dealing with the many proposed (and newly implemented) Ontario legislative changes affecting heritage, the increase in illicit metal detecting and/or other forms of looting, people trying to sell ancient belongings online, or all of us having to advocate for archaeology within a development context.

Related to that, the OAS Board of Directors met with employees of the Archaeology Program Unit of the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism in mid-December to discuss wide ranging changes announced by Acting Minister Graham McGregor. He explained this as a **new phased, multi-year initiative to “transform Ontario’s heritage framework”** but *also* “supports our government’s ambitious plan to build housing and other critical infrastructures across the province”. The next year will see more involvement with the OAS and its members as this unfolds. We were told that there will opportunities for people to share their concerns, so we will update you as new information becomes available.

The nine chapters of the OAS have adapted to the post COVID-19 environment very well by finding new and innovative ways to operate (see the amazing work they are doing in the Chapter Presidents' reports). Those ideas include organizing in-person events, hosting fascinating talks to share with others, creating informative publications and websites, doing volunteer excavations, outreach, and of course (co-)hosting our main annual event of the OAS Symposium. Thanks to the Chapter Executives and members for all of their enthusiasm and hard work across Ontario!

Board of Directors/ED Changes

Some changes occurred with the main OAS Board of Directors at the beginning and end of 2024, which I will outline here (but see their individual reports). We welcomed new board members **Lisa Sonnenburg** (President-Elect), **Penny Young** (Treasurer) and **Breanne Reibl** (Director of Public Outreach) after **Nancy Kallina** (Treasurer) and **Craig Ramsoomair** (Director of Public Outreach) left the board at the end of 2023. Thanks to all of you for volunteering for the OAS! We will miss meeting with Nancy and Craig regularly, but are so happy to have Lisa, Penny and Breanne bring their skills to the board.

One of the main duties of the OAS Vice-President, **Abbey Flower**, is an advisor to the President, Executive Director and Treasurer. In addition, it is helping with the Board of Directors and other meetings (somewhat closer to a Secretary position in other boards). She records and processes the minutes, which is a considerable task, but is so important with our recordkeeping requirements. We will miss Abbey and her long time OAS experience, as she moves on from the board at the end of 2024. I add that she has maxed out her time on the board at **six years** of service! Thank you, Abbey, for your conscientious assistance when I needed it! For 2025, **Peter Popkin** will begin as the new VP.

Jeff Seibert, as Director of Heritage Outreach, has been tackling some complicated situations with people needing support on archaeological issues. As I mentioned, the OAS is often told about potential looting, archaeology concerns related to development, Indigenous community members with specific archaeological concerns, etc. We appreciate him working on those concerns for the last few years, and we are noticing an uptick in these situations with the push to develop areas for more housing. Unfortunately, Jeff is moving on to other endeavours, but we thank him for his service and enjoyed working with him for the past four years! We welcome **Lara Wood** as the new director starting in 2025!

With the hard work of **Josh Dent** (Director of Member Services), board members and members, we have been able to celebrate fantastic individuals in archaeology, beginning with the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund early in the year; this is an important opportunity for students. We also have the annual OAS awards to present to other deserving archaeologists at the symposium (see Josh's report). It is also very gratifying to be able to present certificates and pins to 25- and 50-year members every year! Josh is remaining as our long time Webmaster (thankfully!) but is moving on from the Director of Member Services position. I cannot thank Josh enough for all of his help to me, other board members, chapter members, members for the last three years! He is also one of the hardest working people involved with *each* OAS symposium. We welcome **Sarah Clarke** as the new director in 2025!

When given an opportunity to re-evaluate the key Executive Director (Officer – hired not elected) at the beginning of 2023, the board decided to create a full-time position to help us catch up on so many critical issues that are challenging to a volunteer-based board. This was possible thanks to some support from a Federal Community Service Recovery Fund grant (see discussion later). We hired **Kaitlyn Malleau** as a full-time Executive Director at the beginning of February, 2023 and then renewed her contract in February, 2024, with a slight pay raise since she had done a great job

in the first year (and bearing in mind that Toronto is an expensive place to live). Kaitlyn has helped mainly with the administration required for a busy non-profit, supervised several summer students, and also to organize the Toronto office (!), along with furthering some initiatives. Unfortunately, Kaitlyn has decided to move on from the OAS as of October 23 this year. We wish her all the best and are grateful for her work this past year and a half!

Education

Our mandate for Education continues to be one of the main aims of the society. We are focused at working on Indigenous reconciliation projects across the province, although realizing that it is a long-term process and may never *actually* happen. The OAS will continue to support Indigenous communities and individuals, particularly with issues related to archaeology. Following several very successful years of Indigenous Archaeological (FLR or Technician) Training with communities and individuals, Director of Education **Jake Cousineau, Sarah Hazell, and Alicia Hawkins** were asked to organize more sessions this year (see details in Jake's report). We thank them, the many archaeologists who each year provide training in their expertise, communities, participants, who have worked on this year's training.

The OAS continues to focus on training and mentorship because that is one of the biggest concerns for the OAS Board of Directors. If we do not support and train the next generation of archaeologists, specifically working in Ontario, it will be nearly impossible to continue archaeology here. It is imperative to stress this to Ontario university departments with the hiring of faculty and availability of courses for students. Judging by the many job ads that we are seeing on different platforms with the largest employers of archaeologists in Canada, that is consultant or cultural resource management companies, it is critical to be training people in CRM in Ontario. Along with the Association of Professional Archaeologist (APA), we are the voices of archaeology in Ontario, so we must continue to support students from diverse backgrounds. That is why we have the various Indigenous Archaeological Technician/FLR training sessions, Valerie Sonstenes Student Award Fund, annual student paper/poster awards at the symposium (and encourage participation), why we hire Summer Experience Opportunity students each summer, and help students with finding field schools, programs, volunteer hours, or just in general....

With the board's approval, we again applied for three Summer Experience Opportunities (SEO) student positions through the Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, and were successful in securing \$11,436. This program allowed **Lauryn-Eady Sitar** to work as the OAS Symposium Assistant with the Thunder Bay Chapter and main OAS Board Members, on the OAS Symposium Committee (supervised by Clarence Surette and me). She had worked for us previously as the Northern Collections Assistant but wanted to learn more about symposium planning. So, we hired Lakehead University student **Naleah Pugliese**, who had been volunteering for the Department of Anthropology, for the collections role in 2024. **Conor Egan** was rehired in London and supervised by Kaitlyn to help with digitizing the OAS documents in the Toronto office, helping to clear the backlog of paper in the office, which is something we have been working on for many years. As one objective of the SEO program is supporting northern Ontario communities, Naleah worked with legacy collections and other tasks such as helping us with the Indigenous Archaeological training. All of these projects helped the students to learn more about Ontario archaeology, meet

more archaeologists, build their skills, while also helping the OAS with various tasks. These three students were great to work with and I would highly recommend any of them for future employment.

There are also increasing requests from various Indigenous Nations or individuals who would like to learn more about OAS or related training programs. In response, we have started new training programs working directly with Northwestern Ontario communities, the Thunder Bay Chapter, Dept. of Anthropology at Lakehead University, Woodland Heritage Northwest, and the Waasigan Transmission Line project/Hydro One. With board approval and input, I applied for a Government of Canada Community Service Recovery Fund grant through United Way of Thunder Bay for over \$66k to assist with that training development and implementation for May 2023 - June 2024. We were able to offer training in May, 2024 in Thunder Bay for 19 participants, who are from at least 10 different communities. The grant helped to pay for some Executive Director hours, honouraria, a new OAS computer, bookkeeping, and travel. We also paid for some honouraria for the Nipissing First Nation training.

Additionally, I was contacted by several members of the Nation Huronne-Wendat early in 2024, who are building their archaeology program. They wanted to know if the OAS could assist with more specific types of training (rather than the introductory materials taken previously with us). **Dominique Lesage** and **Marie-Sophie Gendron** invited us to visit their community. So, supported by the CSRF funding, Clarence Surette (President, OAS Thunder Bay Chapter; Lakehead University Technician; fluent French speaker!) and I drove to Quebec City to work with the community archaeologists there. We thank them for being so welcoming and looking after us while we were in Quebec. Also, we were able to learn from each other and leave some teaching samples behind (3D printed/painted items and replicas created by Clarence and his wife Jen Surette). Previously, the Nation Huronne-Wendat had gifted the OAS with a paddle (below) at the Hamilton Symposium (2022). I had suggested that it become a travelling paddle, going to every OAS symposium each year (yes – even all the way to Thunder Bay) and symbolizing learning as we journey together in various ways; we will continue that practice.



Gift of handmade Onquata paddle (named Stadaconé) from Nation Huronne-Wendat to OAS at Hamilton/Burlington Symposium (2022). Colours are inspired by the culture of the Three Sisters.

Finances

Taking over for **Nancy Kallina** (2022-2023), we welcomed **Penny Young** to the board as Treasurer in January. The Treasurer works closely with the President, Past President or Present-Elect (this year), Vice-President, Executive Director and our Bookkeeper Cindie Tuttle as the core group for day-to-day decision making. It was great to get to know Penny better this year and we thank her for undertaking this challenging position for the OAS. I also acknowledge and thank our very helpful appointed board helper, **Cindie Tuttle** (Bookkeeper), who has worked with us for several years. She makes our lives so much easier by paying bills, organizing payrolls, helping with the audit, and many other tasks!

The OAS finances and savings are in great shape (see Penny's detailed reports and the 2023 audited financial statements from Weinberg & Gaspirc). We are a non-profit charity organization receiving grant monies and having employees, so are required to engage an auditor and complete a charity tax return. Although this is a relatively expensive procedure (\$8475), it is a critical step in demonstrating financial responsibility to our members and funding providers. By going with the review, we were able to save about \$1700 instead of the full audit.

The board and I just applied for and received the 2024/2025 Provincial Heritage Organization Operating Grant (\$42,000) from the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism, which we rely upon heavily to fund our general operations. This amount was just deposited in our account in late December, which is very good news!

Website and Other Publishing

We hope that you have been using the revised and updated OAS website (<https://ontarioarchaeology.org/>). **Josh Dent**, who is our long serving Webmaster (also Director of Member Services until the end of this year), along with appointed IT expert **Arek Skibicki**, have gone to great lengths to add more information and make it function well. The website has been revised, from easier-to-read fonts and colours on cell phones, to evaluating page content. It allows members or the public to access more Ontario archaeological information and we are working on updating info. Each year.

Moving to our other publications, we thank Director of Publications **Greg Braun**, editors **Bonnie Glencross** and **Suzanne Needs-Howarth**, and the authors/editors of the OAS peer-reviewed journal *Ontario Archaeology* Vol. 102 that was published this year (see their reports). Putting together a journal of this high calibre is a daunting and time-consuming task, so we appreciate their efforts very much. It is more important than ever to offer and promote academic outlets for Ontario archaeology, so please submit your article ideas to editor@ontarioarchaeology.org.

We thank **Sarah Timmins** and **Tiziana Gallo**, who have been editing our longstanding but revamped *Arch Notes* newsletter. We are always looking for new material, so if you would like to write a short article or share news (especially students!), please contact them: ANeditor@ontarioarchaeology.org.

Annual Symposium

We were excited to be celebrating the **51st Annual OAS Symposium** in Thunder Bay at the Valhalla Inn, Lakehead University, and the Thunder Bay Museum in the Traditional Lands of the Anishinaabeg of Anemki Wajiw, Fort William First Nation, signatory to the Robinson-Superior Treaty of 1850, in the homeland of the Métis Nation of Ontario and Red Sky Métis Independent Nation. We extend our gratitude, in particular, to the Thunder Bay Chapter and the Department of Anthropology at Lakehead University, Thunder Bay Museum, and Woodland Heritage Northwest along with a tremendous group of volunteers (including many students). The last time the chapter hosted was in 1995, so really it was our turn!



Thanks to the generous sponsors of the 2024 OAS Symposium (and Breanne for cool Canva art).

The theme, “Gathering Around Gichigami (Lake Superior): Archaeology Beyond Borders,” helped bring together colleagues from AB, SK, MB, MN, MI, WS, and across Ontario to engage in meaningful discussions about archaeology. Clarence Surette and I were co-chairs with an amazing conference committee of volunteers including many students. Thank you to the generous sponsors (see above), silent auction donators, and volunteers who worked for the OAS Symposium. See my detailed report in an upcoming *Arch Notes*.

Goals

There were a number of specific goals that I wanted to focus on working with the OAS Board of Directors, Executive Director(s), Chapters, members and others during my term as President:

- Continually promoting Indigenous perspectives about archaeology within and outside of the OAS;
- Promoting the OAS as a truly **provincial** organization and ensuring interest and representation from across the province, including and especially Northwestern Ontario, which is the size of a European country with many Indigenous communities;
- Starting the first OAS Northwestern Ontario Indigenous Archaeological Training after obtaining funding for that, and having the training continue (2023, 2024, spring 2025...);
- Promoting Ontario archaeology (and especially CRM) in the province; it needs to be taught in universities in the province (or who else will teach Ontario CRM archaeology?); so promoting the graduate programs, field schools, and undergraduate programs *here*;
- Continually trying to get students involved in the OAS in various ways (summer hiring, at the symposium, Valerie Sonstenes Student Award Fund, student awards, mentoring program started by Craig Ramsomair, etc.);

- Co-hosting the 2024 OAS Symposium in Thunder Bay (after nearly 30 years!) with the chapter, committee friends and colleagues (although I had planned to be Past President by 2024 admittedly, which made it more challenging);
- Helping support the important OAS Symposia continuing in any way (academics, fundraising, assisting with the program, meeting with committees, etc.); working together with different Indigenous communities, other board members and volunteers to organize the 50th anniversary Symposium (2023) and online (2020); I also helped the committees for Ottawa (2021) and Hamilton (2022); and
- Investigating different fundraising ideas such as the CSRF one-time federal grant, writing grants, and working with Nancy/Penny to cut costs however we can

As I was the first President based in Northwestern Ontario (Thunder Bay – with my day job working at Lakehead University), it created some logistical challenges and a steep learning curve about other Ontario archaeological and political contexts. However, with the advent of Zoom and better communication tools, we worked this out. I look forward to assisting the board and members in 2025 with other projects.

For example, it is time to embark on the next **Strategic Plan for the OAS** as we assess the goals that were met (or were not quite there...) from the very detailed 2019-2024 plan. Of course, many of the goals above were in the Strategic Plan. The consultation process for this provides an opportunity to hear from members, chapter executives, and other organizations about what are the next goals for the OAS. We will bear in mind the long history of the society (beginning in the 1950s) but also consider the current political and environmental climate and how that impacts our organization. The board is beginning to draft a living document outlining our main strategic goals and priorities with how to meet them. While working on the OAS Strategic Plan, we will continue to work towards Reconciliation, Equity, Accessibility, Diversity, and Inclusiveness. Online platforms mean that we will now be able to meet with members across Ontario, in a fiscally responsible way (being a non-profit!), thanks to the newer opportunities of this software.

In closing, I am very honoured to have served as the President of the OAS for the last three years. The typical pattern in our organization is one year as President-Elect, two years as President, and then a year as Past President, which will be new role in January, 2025. As with many other volunteer organizations, it was challenging to find someone to take over such a large role. As I symbolically **‘pass the trowel’** to my friend Dr. Lisa Sonnenburg, I look forward to supporting her leadership. We will continue to work together, in a good way, with the Board of Directors, OAS Chapters, other members, Indigenous individuals/communities, other Descendant communities, and other organizations to improve Ontario archaeology.

Thank you to all the members, sponsors, donors and volunteers, for without you, we could not continue!

Miigwetch/thanks, Jill Taylor-Hollings

TREASURER'S REPORT FOR THE FISCAL YEAR OF 2023



This report provides an overview of the financial results for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2023 with a comparison to 2022 and a summary of the 2024 financials to June 30th. It also includes a rough draft budget for 2025 (as forecast in late October).

The accounting firm, Weinberg & Gaspirc CPA LLP, was hired again to conduct a *review* engagement for the 2023 fiscal year. The report prepared by Weinberg & Gaspirc is included with this report (see end of report). It provides a *Statement of the OAS Financial Position* first, which outlines the assets/liabilities/equity and shows that the funds are performing well. Overall, the OAS funds' totally rebounded in 2023 from the

significant dip of the 2022 year (as seen broadly across Canadian markets) and the OAS is in a very secure position with total equity at just over \$500,000.

For clarity, the main OAS funds are referred to as:

- **Endowment** Fund includes the OAS Publication Fund and the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund;
- **Restricted** Fund includes the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) grant for May 2023-June 2024, the OAS Awards fund and the Charles Garrad Avocational Archaeological Collections fund; and
- **Unrestricted** Fund includes the OAS Future Fund which is generated by the general operation surpluses.

The *Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances* includes Revenue and Expenses as well as the funds' balance changes and this information is followed by *Statement of Cash Flows*.

Comments on the Financial Results of the Year Ending December 31, 2023:

Membership revenue saw a modest increase by 3% over 2022 (\$28,713 vs \$27,905). Subscription revenue for OA saw a decrease (\$4,947 vs \$5,235) indicating that fewer members opted for a hard copy of the publication in 2023.

The 50th annual OAS Symposium, *Maawnjidwin: 50 Years of Gathering, Where Yesterday Meets Tomorrow*, was organized by the OAS Board of Directors and held in Southampton in 2023. It was partially supported by \$15,950 in corporate sponsorships and \$300 in individual donations. Another excellent fundraiser was the silent auction, which generated \$2,623. As this was the 50th anniversary symposium, it was decided that those funds would be directed to students via the Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Award fund, since we are trying to keep that fund

sustainable while awarding it each year. The 2023 Symposium made money – so congratulations to the Board for running an awesome event! There was an additional excess revenue of \$12,352 that was allocated to the OAS operating revenue as there was no traditional splitting of that with a hosting chapter.

The SEP (Summer Experience Program) grant of \$11,436 was used to hire three summer interns again, to assist the OAS with various tasks. All of those funds were paid out to the students in 2023.

With approval from the board, our President Jill Taylor-Hollings, procured a one-time \$66,246 Government of Canada Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) grant for May 2023 – June 2024) through United Way - Thunder Bay. We applied for this to provide OAS Indigenous archaeological training development and support for Field Liaison Representatives and students – particularly in NW Ontario but also the Sudbury area and even for the Nation Huronne-Wendat. It helped to pay for some of the OAS ED's and other trainers' wages, materials for workshops, travel, training events, and built-in administration (Cindie's the bookkeeper fees), a new laptop for the OAS, and provided honouraria to some trainers and Indigenous students that we would not be able to afford through the typical operating fund (without going into the Future Fund).

Although the majority of the CSRF grant was awarded in 2023 (\$46,372 vs. \$13,249 + \$6,624 in 2024), more of the grant money was *spent* in 2024. Thus, it currently appears as a surplus in 2023 and loss in 2024, but the funds were all spent and allocated in 2024 (and will be reported for the year end as such). About \$25,000 of this grant was spent in 2023 and just over \$41,000 was spent in 2024. Thus, with this additional \$66k, our income and expenses appear artificially high for 2023 and 2024 (see numbers for 2022 but note that we were without a part-time Executive Director for half of 2022).

Looking at the financial table, after expenses, there was an operating deficit in 2023 of about \$1,900 if you do not consider the investment income. It should be noted that this deficit would have been much greater if not for the CSRF grant (out of Restricted Funds) paying for, large portions of our Executive Director Kaitlyn Malleau's and Bookkeeper Cindie Tuttle's time.

The OAS Board of Directors decided to try out the concept of hiring a full-time Executive Director for 2023, so after a rigorous process of advertising, interviewing and board discussions, we hired Kaitlyn Malleau in Feb. 2023. Previously, the Executive Director had been part-time, but the CSRF grant allowed us to support this and we certainly needed a full-time person to assist with day-to-day operations, board activities, cleaning up the Toronto office, and delving into OAS documents. The other purpose was to catch up on activities, since we had been without an Executive Director since July 2022. According to the OAS Constitution, the Executive Director position must be renewed each year, so we did decide to offer Kaitlyn (with a modest pay increase) a full-time position for 2024, which she accepted in Feb. 2024.

And with respect to news that was shared by Kaitlyn – the Board is saddened to note that our wonderful Executive Director, Kaitlyn has left her position as of Oct. 23, 2024. We are so grateful for all her work and wish her well in all her future exciting endeavours!

In 2023, the Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Fund was used to make disbursements to Dylan Morningstar and Katherine Davidson for student research. Congratulations Dylan and Katherine!

Looking at the Balance Sheet, as mentioned above, the OAS investments bounced back. The 2023 year-end value of the OAS investments was \$432,530 which represents a gain of \$49,385 on the year or 12.89%. The value has nicely recovered from the downturn of 2022.

With money from the OAS Publications Fund, we covered the deficit of \$11,722 for the typesetting, editing, printing and mailing of *Ontario Archaeology* (Vol. 101).

Comments on the Preliminary Financial Results for the Year 2024 to Date:

To date, our 2024 OAS membership is at 676 active members which is a little less than the 690 we had at this time last year. However, in 2022, we had 657 members at the time of the symposium.

The remaining \$41,000 of the CSRF grant was spent before the June 2024 termination of the grant. A special “thank you” to Jill for working so hard on the grant activities and giving of her time. Again, as a result of the grant we were able to offset a large portion of our Executive Director’s and Bookkeeper’s time. Thanks so much Jill!

We also received Summer Experience Opportunities (formally the SEP program) funds to allow us to hire three students again. This year saw a disbursement from the Valerie Sonstenes Student Scholarship Fund to Steph Skelton for her research. Congratulations Steph!

Symposium revenue and expenses will be processed through Jill and the Thunder Bay Chapter, organizers of this year’s event (along with the Department of Anthropology, Lakehead University and a committee of volunteers). Most of the funds for the annual Symposia went through the main society - the Wild Apricot platform was used for registration and donations (thanks to Josh!). We showed a modest profit that will be split between the OAS and Thunder Bay Chapter, once finalized (details to follow for year-end).

The investments have been growing so far in 2024. Also, Jill applied for the 2024-25 *Provincial Heritage Organization Operating (PHO) Grant*. Submissions were due by October 30th and we just found out that the grant was awarded to us for \$42,000, just before the end of the year. Thank you to the Ministry of Citizenship and Multiculturalism.

Looking to 2025 and the Draft Budget:

It is clear that going forward our membership fees, combined with the PHO Grant, typical Symposium income, donations, and other income do not cover our operating expenses with a full-time Executive Director (unless we can procure another grant!). General donations and revenues

the main organization receives from the Symposium help but these are inconsistent and typically not large amounts.

As one can see from the draft 2025 budget, we are anticipating an operating loss if we do not make changes and we do need to return to the part-time Executive Director. We are still of course looking for ways to decrease expenses and increase revenues every year. Nancy, Jill, Abbey and I have been working on this for the past few years to lower insurance costs, get better deals on the phone plan and look at our membership revenue.

Regarding expenses, a comparison of 2011 to 2023, which is the last time we increased our membership fees, shows that unsurprisingly there have been several increases to operating expenses' costs in the last 12 years. For example, office rent has increased by 23%, there has been a liability insurance increase of 98% and not shockingly, salary costs have increased to keep up with the times. Additionally, there are several newer expenses that have been a regular part of operations since about 2018, such as a paid Bookkeeper (\$9,400), IT support consultant (\$3,000), increasing need for software licenses (\$1,100), and honoraria for Indigenous archaeological training courses (\$3,500).

Current initiatives to decrease operating expenses include:

- Working on moving the OAS office to the Museum of Ontario Archaeology in London where rent, Wi-Fi, and telecom expenses will decrease (rent will decrease by about \$2000 per year);
- Looking for a new membership/payment software program as our current program Wild Apricot, increased their annual fee by 50% in 2024;
- Moving to a different insurance provider to cut costs (we did save some money over the last two years but could investigate farther afield than southern Ontario);
- Considering moving *Arch Notes* revenue/expenses from the Operating Fund to the Publication Fund (so any future A.N. deficits could be covered by the very large OA endowment fund).

Ideas for increasing revenue include:

- Membership fees are under review again by the board and increases will be proposed because the individual fee has not increased since 2011;
- We plan to focus on new and revive old fundraising initiatives (e.g., giving Tuesday in November, which we have participated in past, presents an opportunity to appeal for specific project donations to the OAS);
- Applying for more grants to cover programs and initiatives such as providing Honouria to Indigenous community members and others who provide services at OAS symposia, training sessions and other functions.

Respectfully submitted,
Penny Young

The Ontario Archaeological Society

Actual 2022, Actual 2023, Jan-Jun 2024, Budget 2025

The following results are based on the period ending June 30, 2024

Income and Expenses High Level(\$)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun
Income	103,732.00	172,141.36	55,189.97
Expenses	93,509.00	161,602.87	65,641.11
Ordinary Income (Loss)	10,223.00	10,538.49	(10,451.14)
Investment and Other Income (Loss)	(33,130.00)	29,466.51	17,454.20
Net Income	(22,907.00)	40,005.00	7,003.06

Operating Fund (\$)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024	2025 Budget
Income	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun	Income
Membership Fees	27,905	28,713	24,750	29,000
SEP Grant	11,067	11,436	11,448	11,500
PHO Grant	42,000	42,000		42,000
Net Symposium Income	3,903	12,352	3,000	5,000
Net Arch Notes Subscription Income	(394)	(922)	466	n/a
Donations	1,131	50	25	100
Other	493		336	400
Total Operating Income	86,105	93,629	40,025	88,000

Expenses				Expenses
Salary (allocated to CSRF \$17,520 in '23 & \$13,249 in '24)	5,610	35,829	17,165	35,000
Salary - SEP	10,440	11,009	1,298	11,000
Payroll Expenses (CPP, EI, & Vacation Pay)	2,075	9,399	4,606	5,000
Accounting Fees (Bookkeeper- Cindie & Auditor - W&G) (allocated to CSRF \$7337.53 in '23 & \$5503.14 in '24)	15,352	8,556	1,848	16,000
Legal Fees	270	343		400
Insurance	6,637	7,184	3,265	7,600
Rent	6,966	7,105	3,618	7,000
Office Supplies, Postage, Telecom, Travel	2,279	2,524	802	2,530
Bank Charges, First DataAffiniPay Fees, Canada Helps Fees	2,898	2,763	1,395	2,800
Depreciation	452	248		500
Contract Services (It Support - Arek)	3,000	3,000	1,500	3,000
Web Site, Software Licenses	3,225	3,692	2,341	3,700
Honoraria	600	3,525		3,000
Accommodation; Meals, Materials, Supplies, Printing, Photocopy, Other	400	337		340
Total Operating Expenses	60,204	95,515	37,838	97,870
Net Operating Income (Loss)	25,901	(1,886)	2,187	(9,870)

Publication Fund(\$)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024	Budget 2025
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun	
OA Subscription Income	4,035	3,882	3,642	3,900
(Arch Notes Subscription Income)				1,150
OA Costs	19,973	15,604	1,792	15,700
(Arch Notes Costs)				1,800
Net Publication Income (Loss)	(15,938)	(11,722)	1,850	(12,450)

V. Sonstenes Fund(\$)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun
V. Sonstenes Donation	50	1,280	25
V. Sonstenes Award	812	875	0
Net V. Sonstenes Income (Loss)	(762)	405	25

Awards Fund(\$)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024
	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun
Awards Donation	1,050	700	350
Awards Expenses		379	0
Net Award Income (Loss)	1,050	321	350

RESTRICTED GRANTS: Grow Grant (2022) / Community Services Recovery Fund Grant (2023-24)

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024
Income	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun
Grant Income	0	46,372	13,249
Total Grant Income	0	46,372	13,249

Expenses			
Salary		17,520	14,600
Accounting Fees		7,338	1,800
Office Supplies		187	451
Postage			
Travel		41	1,270
Honoraria	250		6,140
Accommodation, Meals			513
Other Expenses			75
Total Grant Expenses	250	25,086	24,849
Grant Income (Loss)	(250)	21,287	(11,600)

The Ontario Archaeological Society

Actual 2022, Actual 2023, Jan-Jun 2024, Budget 2025

The following results are based on the period ending June 30, 2024

Balance Sheet Financial Position(\$):

Description	Actual '22	Actual '23	2024
Current Assets	Jan - Dec	Jan - Dec	Jan - Jun
Total Chequing/Savings	96,832	83,807	102,025
Accounts Receivable	3,677	12,117	1,148
Prepays	5,666	5,596	5,288
Total Current Assets	106,175	101,521	108,461
Fixed Assets	772	524	2,358
Investments	383,145	432,529	429,069
Total Assets	490,092	534,574	539,888

Liabilities and Payables	23,555	28,031	26,842
Equity			
OAS Future Fund	232,143	245,576	239,441
OAS Publications Fund	188,473	188,772	188,064
OAS Awards Fund	4,654	5,300	5,270
V. Sonstenes SR Fund	24,537	28,883	30,319
Restricted Projects Fund (Grow '22, CSRF & Charles Garrard)	16,730	38,012	42,949
Net Income			7,003
Total Equity	466,537	506,543	513,046
Total Liabilities and Equity	490,092	534,574	539,888



BOARD OF DIRECTORS' AND ED REPORTS FOR 2024

PRESIDENT-ELECT

It was just over a year ago that OAS President Jill Taylor-Hollings asked if I would consider a nomination for President-Elect of the OAS. It was not an easy decision because I knew the OAS was a large and complex organization, and it would require a lot of time and dedication that I wasn't sure I could - or even wanted - to give. After much thought, I realized that I now had an opportunity to be involved in an organization that was doing some really great things, such as providing and supporting archaeological training for Indigenous individuals and communities. So, I said yes, although to be frank, I wondered if I would be biting off more than I could chew. It has been a steep learning curve - or maybe cliff is

a better word - but I have been enjoying this time to learn more about the OAS from our wonderfully experienced board members and Executive Director. As January 2025 nears, I still have a lot to learn, but I am confident that the Board and our membership will continue to guide me along the way.



As one of the largest archaeological associations in Canada with over 700 active members, there are many aspects of the OAS that as a general member I did not appreciate. While the annual symposium and publications are the most obvious results of the work of the many volunteers in the organization, there are smaller, but no less important, operations that need to be completed to ensure that the OAS meets its mandate. It is the behind-the-scenes, sometimes more boring administrative work that allows the OAS to function. Some roles are obvious, like responding to government mandates that affect Ontario's cultural heritage or applying for grants to support training. The less obvious things are ensuring that our financial statements are done correctly, and our tax filings are accurate to retain our charitable status. Or ensuring that we have the proper insurance coverage for our members participating in OAS and/or chapter sponsored events. These are all 'necessary evils' of maintaining an organization as large and complex as the OAS, and I have been gaining the knowledge to support these activities so that the OAS can meet the needs of its membership.

Of course, every person who steps into a Board of Director role wants to put their own 'stamp' on it, and I am no different. I have memberships, either personal or through other volunteer organizations, with the Architectural Conservancy Ontario, Archives Association of Ontario, Save Ontario Shipwrecks and Ontario Maritime Heritage Committee. While the approaches may differ, we all have in common the desire to ensure that the cultural heritage of Ontario is protected. I hope to strengthen relationships with these other organizations so that we can stand together to pressure governments to honour their commitments that have been made through legislation such as the

Ontario Heritage Act. Those who see cultural heritage legislation as ‘inconveniences’ have put aside their differences to place pressure on governments to change regulations that benefit them. We must do the same. In addition, I want to further the OAS’s support of Indigenous communities and organizations to continue to build capacity and support their work of preserving and revitalizing their cultures, traditions, and environment.

I am looking forward to the upcoming year, and with your support, continue to advance the important work that we all do.

Lisa Sonnenburg

VICE-PRESIDENT



Another year brings another OAS Symposium already. The year 2024 brought many unexpected turns outside of working with the OAS, making it challenging to take on much more than the regular duties of Vice-President and Secretary of the board. It also brings the end of my current tenure, being the last consecutive year that I can sit on the board.

I very much hope everyone who could attend the Symposium will have enjoyed being together with many colleagues and friends, old and new. I am disappointed to be missing the opportunity to be there with everyone in Thunder Bay this year. I would like to extend my sincere thanks to Fort William First Nation for welcoming this gathering within their Traditional Territory Anemki Wequedong. And a huge thanks to the Symposium Organizing Committee for all their hard work in putting together this wonderful annual event.

I look forward to finding new opportunities to contribute and advocate for positive change and progression in Ontario archaeology. The role of the OAS is an important one within this field, and is deserving of much support in furthering education, awareness, and the ethical practice of archaeology across Ontario. It has been such a pleasure working with so many talented, passionate, and dedicated people over the last six years, I’ve learned a lot from you all and thank you so much your support. All the best wished to the board next year and in the years to come.

Abbey Flower

DIRECTOR OF CHAPTER SERVICES

This past year, from November 2023, has seen a new process for the OAS inter-chapter communications. At the Annual chapter meeting last fall in person discussions lead to some really interesting and productive conversations which resulted in joint chapter initiatives, like the joint 2026 Windsor-Grand River Symposium.



At this meeting all members agreed that it would be a great asset to have more regular joint chapter Presidents' meetings. Starting in the new year we began the first of our now quarterly meetings on Zoom. As the Chapter Liaison I chaired the first meeting during which we discussed how we address needs of the various chapters. The second meeting was chaired by Chris Kerns of London, and the third by Amanda Black, the Windsor president. I believe all present have felt these meetings to be very productive and a good place to discuss common and unusual issues. The last meeting took place in person and on Zoom at the Annual Symposium in Thunder Bay.

Toronto Chapter Revival:

A committee has been established from the many members who have attended initial meetings dealing with the revival, or recreation, of the Toronto Chapter. This committee has spent a lot of time coming up with a proposal for the focus, organization and dynamics of the revived chapter. This chapter is hoping for focus on supporting junior members, students and junior professionals in as well as providing topics of interest to all active OAS members. There will be a meeting of all OAS members interested in this topic in the near future.

Meanwhile many of the chapters have been very active this year, both through Zoom presentations, attending and organizing community events along with some actual archaeology days like that at Bonnechere Provincial Park lead by the very active Ottawa chapter. I am looking forward to an even more exciting and successful upcoming 2025 year and thank everyone who has been so involved in keeping the chapters moving forward. I would like to thank Kaitlyn specifically for helping me out with my duties.

Hope you enjoyed the symposium and see you at the next one in Windsor!

Susan Dermakar

DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

This year, the Education portfolio focused on Indigenous archaeological training programs across Ontario and even one in Quebec. We offered a hybrid model where some of the workshops were held virtually, and others in person.

The first of these training workshops was provided to the Nation Huronne-Wendat in Wendake, Quebec, as they had requested specific training that they were needing to further their growing archaeology department. This workshop was slightly different from previous years as it focused more on providing advanced training to experienced field monitors/liaisons. The Nation appreciated this new approach from a group of specialized archaeologists online and in-person training from Clarence Surette (President, Thunder Bay Chapter and Lakehead University) and Jill Taylor-Hollings (President, OAS and Lakehead University). Additionally, Clarence and Jill worked with other archaeologists to teach a one-week Indigenous archaeology technician course at Lakehead University.



The second more conventional introductory training workshop was hosted out of Nipissing First Nation but open virtually to other First Nations band members. This method was very helpful in meeting the demands for the training program among multiple Descendant communities. Finally, these workshops would be impossible to offer without our dedicated volunteers who help organize (Sarah Hazell, Alicia Hawkins) and many other experts who each year help to teach these courses. Thanks to all!

Jake Cousineau

DIRECTOR OF HERITAGE ADVOCACY



For 2024, I continued the role of OAS Director of Heritage Advocacy. As with other years, a portion of the work of this directorship entails monitoring the Environmental Registry of Ontario (ERO) for postings that might impact archaeological heritage. The ERO is a platform that the Government of Ontario uses to report on actions that they are taking that might impact various environmental factor areas including archaeology. Doing this allows individuals and public bodies (including the OAS) to ensure that the Province is doing its due diligence with regards to fulfilling its obligations to mitigating impacts or potential impacts to cultural resources. Notifications have included the development of changes to the Ontario Heritage Act, park and forestry management plans, closing of cemeteries, etc.

In addition, a significant part of this Director of Heritage Advocacy role involves responding to concerns brought forward by different groups or individuals to the OAS regarding potential impacts to archaeological or other cultural heritage resources. These can regard undertakings conducted by public and/or private proponents, and it is the role of the OAS to advocate for mitigating impacts to archaeological and other cultural heritage resources whenever possible. In 2024, this has involved engaging with municipal governments to ensure that they are doing their due diligence with regards to ensuring that developers have fulfilled their legislated obligations under the planning act and OHA to ensure that archaeological sites are not destroyed without proper assessment.

As with past years, I was honoured to be invited to participate in the OAS Indigenous Archaeological Monitor training programs. It is always a sincere pleasure to engage in this initiative and I always learn so much from speaking with the students and staff members from the participating Indigenous nations.

I am moving on to other projects in 2025, but it has been an honour to serve as Director of Heritage Advocacy for the OAS. Thanks to all of the people who have contacted us and helped with heritage advocacy in Ontario!

Jeff Seibert

DIRECTOR OF MEMBER SERVICES

Once again, the year started with the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund applications intake, adjudication, and award. This year's recipient was graduate student Steph Skelton from Lakehead University for their project, ***Refining Chronologies: New Absolute Dates for the Northwestern Expression of the Selkirk Composite.*** Thank you to our jury for their hard work!

In early 2025, look for an announcement about our next Valerie Sonstenes Student Research Fund application cycle. The fund is intended to support student research that relates to and advances knowledge of Ontario's archaeological record. This fund provides students with small grants to assist them in undertaking new research for Honour's, Master's, or PhD projects.



In addition to attending board meetings, the other primary function of this portfolio is administering the annual OAS awards process. This year's awards went to:

- J.V. Wright Lifetime Achievement Award – Bill Ross
- Charles and Ella Garrad Award for Outstanding Service – Clarence Surette
- Indigenous Advocacy Awards – Lisa Harris; Edward Panamick

- Award for Excellence in Cultural Heritage Management – Paul Racher and Archaeological Research Associates Ltd.

Congratulations to the award winners and many thanks to the nominators!

This about concludes my last report for the OAS as Director of Member Services. It has been an honour to serve in this capacity. I hope to leave behind a few things that my successor can finalize including updates to certain award criteria to bring them more in line with contemporary Ontario archaeology. I will continue to serve as OAS Webmaster so don't think you're rid of me yet! I want to thank the board members I've had the chance to work alongside these past four years as well as our inaugural full-time Executive Director, Kaitlyn Malleau. I also have to give a huge shout-out to soon to be Past President, Jill Taylor-Hollings, who has given so very much to the organization these past few years – though she'd never advertise as much. Thank you, Jill!!

Josh Dent

DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC OUTREACH



I feel privileged to have joined the board in January as Director of Outreach, taking over from Craig Ramsoomair, who served in the role for four years. Before joining the board, I spent several years volunteering on the Outreach Committee, working with Craig and the other members on graphics, brainstorming ideas and helping launch the mentorship program. Becoming a board member has been a bit of a learning curve compared to being a committee member, but I am excited to take on this new challenge.

Over the past nine months, I have been focused on learning my new role and navigating the responsibilities that come with being on the board. I'm incredibly grateful for the support I've received from Jill and, especially, Kaitlyn, who have patiently answered my many questions and provided extra context on tasks or board discussions. In addition, I have been kept busy managing our social media accounts—Facebook, X (formerly Twitter), Instagram, and LinkedIn. I created graphics to promote job postings, field schools, events, awards, chapter talks, etc. to keep the OAS community informed, and responded to inquiries made through these channels. Our social media presence continues to expand, and I'm pleased to share that our Facebook reach has grown by nearly 80%, while our Instagram reach has increased by almost 20% compared to last year. We have also seen a steady increase in our Instagram followers, a platform that allows us to engage with a younger demographic - the next generation of Ontario archaeologists.

I have also taken on leadership of the Outreach Committee, where we've been brainstorming social media campaign ideas and events to launch once the field season wraps up and members (in theory) have more time. Based on mixed feedback from the 2023 Mentorship Program, we're exploring

alternative approaches to offer this initiative in the future, since it is a valuable opportunity for young archaeologists to connect with experienced professionals. I'm fortunate to have Craig remain as a volunteer on the committee, contributing his valuable insight and OAS social outreach experience. I'm also grateful for the enthusiasm and brilliant ideas from other committee members Arwen Johns, Erin Baxter, Jordan Jamieson, Kelly Gostick, and Penny Young. Thank you!

On a final note, if you haven't already, please like or follow us on our social media pages to stay informed about OAS news and events!

Breanne Reibl

DIRECTOR OF PUBLICATIONS



It has been a busy year with OAS publications including our longstanding, peer-reviewed journal *Ontario Archaeology (OA)* and our newsletter *Arch Notes*. Chris Kerns and Aaron Mior are also wrapping up a peer-reviewed proceedings volume resulting for the 2021 OAS Annual Symposium in Ottawa, which will be open access.

This year, Volume 102 of *OA* was sent to everyone, thanks to the efforts of editors Suzanne Needs-Howarth and Bonnie Glencross. We also recognize the authors, reviewers, other editors and typesetters in this process.

There have also been ongoing discussions between the *OA* editors and the board about establishing and refining our stated submission policies. Also, there is still a shortage of content for all of our volumes, so please consider contributing!

Greg Braun

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR (OFFICER)

After all the excitement of helping to deliver the 50th Annual OAS Symposium near the end of last year, my focus this year was directed towards helping with some of the more structural elements of the OAS as an organization. The primary projects I was able to move forward this year included drafting an OAS Employee Handbook, conducting research on alternative membership management software, and, most excitingly, finishing the organization of the paper OAS records at our Toronto office. Of course, I was also looking after daily correspondences with board members, chapter reps, members, and many of the public inquiries.



The OAS Employee Handbook is largely meant to standardize the workplace orientation that Summer Experience Opportunities (SEO) Program employees receive when joining the OAS team each summer. Hopefully its creation will help to facilitate easier onboarding of short-term OAS employees in the future.

After receiving several e-mails and calls through the months of January and February from OAS members who experienced technical difficulties while trying to renew their memberships with our Wild Apricot software, it became clear that another priority for the year was to investigate the possibility of changing membership management software. I researched several potential alternative systems that might be better suited to the needs of the OAS.

Much of my efforts this year went towards sorting the paper files in the OAS office. In total, I have prepared over 30 banker's boxes of past correspondences, notices, publications, minutes, constitutions, and educational materials. Needless to say, I have learned a lot about the history of the OAS this year! A special thanks goes out to high school co-op student, Matthew Alabaszowski, who helped us last year and SEO Program employee, Conor Egan, for scanning so many of these files over the past two summers. Though there is more digitizing to be done, once complete we will be able to transfer these records to the safety of Archives of Ontario.

Finally, earlier in the year, I was able to assist the Board with some heritage advocacy initiatives, including drafting OAS responses to the Streamlined Environmental Assessment proposal from the Ministry of the Environment, Conservation and Parks, the proposed Provincial Policy Statement 2024 and Bill 185. We hope that the government takes our concerns into consideration.

As we approach the end of another year, it is with sadness that I announce that I am resigning from the Executive Director role as of this October. I have gained so much valuable experience over the past year and a half, and I am so grateful to have been given the opportunity to work for the OAS in this capacity. I will always value the connections I have made in this role, and will forever be inspired by the great work that so many of our volunteers do to keep this organization running!

I wish you all, both as individuals, and the OAS collective, all the very best in the future!

Kaitlyn Malleau

OA EDITORS' REPORT

As the *Ontario Archaeology* co-editors, we report that *Ontario Archaeology* vol. 102, for 2022, has just been published. At the time of writing, there is still room for more content for the next "regular" volume, and the editors welcome suggestions from the membership about papers that might be suitable for the journal. *Ontario Archaeology*, with its two-reviewer peer review, professional copy editing, professional formatting, and full-colour online version, is a high-quality publication venue for a range of locally focused papers (not just Ontario, but also the Great Lakes region in general).

The journal's Book Reviews section editor, Alicia Hawkins, has stepped down after many years of service, and we thank her for all the work she has put into the journal. We welcome Elaine Cheng, who will be taking over as book review editor, and we appreciate her willingness to take on this commitment. The Profile section editor, Chris Watts has also stepped down, and we appreciate his efforts in managing this section of the journal. The originator and inaugural editor of the journal's From Grey to Print section, Ron Williamson, has also stepped down. The editors thank him for all the work he has put into the journal. Bonnie and Suzanne are still looking for a new editor for this section of the journal, after a number of people declined to take it on. If you think you may be able to take on the editorship of the From Grey to Print section, please contact the editors for further details.

For the time being, we are editing this section as well as the peer-reviewed papers. Guest editor Gary Warrick has been working on a volume with papers on the Ball site, which will help get the journal get caught up to a current publication date.

We would also like to acknowledge and are grateful to the OAS Board of Directors and to the Director of Publications, Greg Braun, as well as the journal's Editorial Advisory Board, for thinking along with them on how to keep the journal viable.

Suzanne Needs-Howarth and Bonnie Glencross



CHAPTER PRESIDENTS' REPORTS FOR 2024



GRAND RIVER CHAPTER

The Grand River Chapter continued to meet through Zoom in 2024 and hosted illustrated lectures by Trish Markert, Tim Abel, Gabe Hyrick, Karine Taché, Lindi Masur, Robert Stark, and Eric Tincombe, Bill Engelbrecht, and Ken Holyoake. This year, the Chapter has also undertaken to post recordings of talks, with the speakers' permission, on a dedicated YouTube channel. While meeting virtually does not afford the same sense of community, it has enabled us to reach a broader audience. Lastly, the Chapter Executive met with our counterparts in the Windsor Chapter earlier this year to begin planning the 2025 OAS Symposium in Windsor.

Christopher Watts, Chapter President



HAMILTON CHAPTER

The Hamilton Chapter has been active with monthly meetings, but beyond that, it has largely been a quiet year!

We held a discussion group at the end of 2023 to determine how to gain interest back in the Chapter after COVID-19, and a number of suggestions were made, such as holding more hands-on events

(artifact identification workshops – i.e., historic ceramics, lithic tools, etc.). Additionally, we learned that while other archaeological topics were great such as megaliths in the UK, our members are more interested in topics more directly related to local archaeology.

We responded by having a lithic and geological speaker's night, as well as holding an historic artifact discussion (ceramics, glass, nails, etc.). We have also been attempting to encourage more involvement from the McMaster Department of Anthropology. One of our speakers was a graduate student who discussed malaria in the Hamilton area in the 19th century. One of our own members discussed early archaeological material from North and South America. Finally, we were pleased to host a talk from Dr. Gary Warrick, who discussed Grand River Archaeology using a more Indigenized perspective. This trend hopefully will continue, with our next speaker being Dr. David Galbraith from the Royal Botanical Gardens discussing several archaeological surveys that have been conducted on Royal Botanical Gardens' lands.

The speakers have been great, and usually we get between 8 to 13 attendants (with our highest attendance around 18).

Jacquie Fisher, Chapter Vice-President



HURONIA CHAPTER

It's been a very slow but steady year. Our April speaker drew a higher than usual in-person and on-line attendance. Once again, the attractive Enji-Maawnjiding-Gathering Place at the Barrie Public Library served as our venue. Not only is there no charge for this space, the friendly and capable staff look after our Zoom links, registration and notifications. We just send them our flyer and they do this rest. They also post the info. on their own website, calendar and social.

Hopefully, we can arrange to have at least one more speaker later in the fall/winter. It's been challenging finding people who want to present in person. The Barrie Library is keen to host us more often and we really should be taking advantage of this generosity.

2024 In Person/Zoom Presentations at the Barrie Public Library

April 18 *The Paleo-Economic Geology of Indigenous Ontario: 13,000 Years of Prospecting* – William (Bill) Fox (Trent University)

This talk provided an overview of Indigenous lithic material acquisition activities spanning the Province of Ontario since deglaciation (below). Narratives concerning Indigenous subsistence, political and religious spiritual events were also explored.

Financial Summary

The Chapter's financial position is healthy with over \$9,000 invested. We are attempting to get to \$10,000 which, @ 5% should yield \$500 interest. That amount plus membership revenues will allow us to undertake some interesting projects.

Newsletter

The Pot was revived as a quarterly newsletter in 2021. By the end of In 2024, 16 issues will have been published! We continue to receive short articles, reviews, and other content from our members and non-members. In 2025, to mark the fifth year of the new series revival, an annotated index for the past 20 issues – 2021-2025 – will be produced. We are also hopeful that *The Pot* will be posted on OAS social media again. Ditto for the upcoming index.



Bill Fox delivering his presentation. Photo: E. Blaubecks, April 2024.

In addition to the content noted above, we also include notifications of new publications written or edited by OAS members (e.g., C. Heidenreich, J. Hunter, T. Mohr, R. von Bitter, R. Williamson, et al.). The Boyd Field School was advertised in our June 2024 issue. Back issues (black and white hard copies) are given to the Coldwater, Midland, and Orillia Public Libraries. We also send them electronically to museums and heritage organizations in the region, and several back issues are included in our Huronia Chapter basket donation to the Society's annual silent auction.

Public Archaeology

A display and activity based on an article in one of our 2021 newsletters was developed and presented to participants at Bonnechere Provincial Park during the Ottawa Chapter's annual Archaeology Days in July. These were very well received and will be featured in an upcoming summary for *The Pot* and *Arch Notes*.

In the late fall, the Chapter will have a representative "visiting archaeologist" at a Camphill Communities event in Angus, south of Barrie. Camphill Communities Ontario is an accredited not-for-profit organization that supports adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Simcoe County. A unique series of table-top excavation boxes and artifact activities have been devised; these take into account the various needs of Camphill residents.

Future Public Archaeology Project

In February of 2023, the Chapter received a positive response to our proposal for a small public archaeology project at the Coldwater Canadiana Heritage Museum. It was to occur that spring, prior to some renovation work on the foundation of the 1840s Woodrow log cabin. Unfortunately,

our availability and the construction work schedule did not align. The project was postponed again this year but we really hope to do a small amount of testing work in 2025.

Possible Co-hosted 2028 OAS Symposium in Huronia

Several months ago, the Council for Northeast Historical Archaeology reviewed our expression of interest to hold a joint conference/symposium in 2028, possibly in Barrie. The Council is interested to learn more details as they evolve. It is encouraging to know that both U.S. and Canadian board members are cautiously keen and supportive. We are grateful to CNEHA Canadian Membership Chair, Eva MacDonald, for placing this proposal on their spring board meeting agenda. We had also proposed 2026 as this slot was still available, but CNEHA is keen to celebrate the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence, in 2026, in the U.S.

OAS On-line Workshops – Organized and Led by London Chapter President Chris Kerns

Huronia Chapter Treasurer Jamie Hunter attended these and we are eager to apply some of the content to our program.

*Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Huronia Chapter
Ellen Blaubergs, Chapter Secretary*



LONDON CHAPTER

The London Chapter has had an exciting year with many changes and a lot of great events. In December of 2023, the membership voted to approve a slate of board members, many of whom took office for the first time in January 2024. Our Chapter membership currently stands at 83, and continues to remain steady and stable. There have been a few minor changes to the board over the year, but as it currently stands, the Board of the London Chapter is comprised of:

- **President:** Chris Kerns
- **Vice-President:** Matthew Severn
- **Treasurer:** Jim Keron
- **Treasurer-Elect:** Valerie Wolfkamp
- **Secretary/Communications:** Marya D'Alessio
- **Website:** Nicole Aszalos
- **KEWA Editor:** Katherine Bishop
- **Digital Publications/KEWA:** Rose Queen
- **Indigenous Liaison:** Melanie Thomas
- **Director:** Patryk Weglorz
- **Director:** Christopher Ellis

As of October 1, 2024, our board members have logged 554 volunteer hours. This does not include the hours spent on the Van Egmond House Public Archaeology Project (which took place October

5, 2024), nor the volunteer hours of our Chapter members attending events and participating in our projects.

For next year we are planning on including a Student Liaison by adding a graduate student from the University of Western Ontario to our board to better coordinate our activities with the University.

The 2023-2024 Annual lecture series was coordinated by Chris Ellis. Speakers for 2023-2024 included:

- **September 14, 2023:** Robert B. Wojtowicz - *Ceramic Variability Among the 15th C. Tionontaté*
- **October 12, 2023:** Christopher Kerns - *Siren Song of the North - Histories of Archaeological Inquiry and the prominence of Orkney (Islands, UK) in Neolithic Studies*
- **November 9, 2023:** Claude Chapdelaine - *Kruger 2 (BiEx-23): Contributions to the Late Paleoindian Period in the Northeast*
- **January 11, 2024:** Sierra McKinney - *Addressing Colonial Guilt with Artefact-Centred Dialogue*
- **February 8, 2024:** David Anderson - *Exploring Settlement Distribution & Demographic Change in the Early through Late Holocene Southeastern USA*
- **March 14, 2024:** Ronald Williamson - *Iroquois du Nord: A Review and What's New*
- **April 11, 2024:** Christopher Kerns - *Buried Underground: The Excavation & Re-examination of Iron Age activity at Read's Cavern, Southwest England*

Our April speaker was originally supposed to be Katherine McMillan Barry, but due to a family emergency she had to cancel. Our president, Chris Kerns, was able to step in at the last minute and provide an engaging lecture. Most of our monthly lectures have been recorded and are available on our YouTube channel (@LondonOAS). During the spring, our Director of Digital Publications was able to edit all of our recorded videos since 2020 and upload them to YouTube. We currently have 17 videos posted on YouTube and have reached 8.1 K views and 81 subscribers since the channel launched in January.

The 2024-2025 OAS London Chapter Annual Lecture Series is being coordinated by Chris Kerns. So, mark your calendars, confirmed speakers for 2024-2025 include:

- **September 12, 2024:** Carlton Shield Chief Gover – *Cultivating Identity: The Ethnogenesis of the Pawnee People*
- **October 10, 2024:** Kelly Gostick – *From Forest to Factory: The Archaeology of the Volkswagen/PowerCo EV Battery Factory*
- **November 14, 2024:** Mark Mitchell – *Warfare on the Northern Plains: Quantifying the Construction of Community Fortifications at the Molander Site*

- **January 9, 2025:** Anishinàbe Odjibikan – *Anishinàbe Odjibikan: A Collaborative Effort to Implement Indigenous Archaeology to the National Capital Region*
- **February 13, 2025:** Tiziana Gallo – *Diverse Histories of Ground Stone Gorgets in Southern Ontario*
- **March 13, 2025:** Jeff Pigati and Kathleen Springer – *Ancient Human Footprints at White Sands National Park*
- **April 10, 2025:** Matthew Severn and Christopher Kerns – *Results from the Van Egmond Site Public Archaeology Project*

In order to promote our lecture series and other events the Chapter has become more engaged in social media including Facebook, Instagram, and YouTube. This has been led by Marya (Communications) and Rose (Digital Publications). Short videos on YouTube and Reels on Instagram/Facebook have been beneficial in promoting the lecture series and other events. The increased presence has also led to more followers and an effective social media presence. We have also begun using QR codes for posters to facilitate registration for events and the lecture series.



One of the biggest changes this year was the introduction of a new logo for the Chapter (left). A logo competition was held, and the membership voted on the new logo. Spencer Roth was the winner of the competition. The new design features a stylized tree and trowel forming an A and representing both archaeology and the “Forest City” as London is sometimes known. A line zig- zags out of the Tree/Trowel and forms an S which also represents the

Thames River that flows through London. The Tree/Trowel and River are encircled by an oval on the back of a turtle which forms the O of OAS. The goal of the logo change was to be more respectful of our Indigenous colleagues and collaborators as well as to embrace a symbol with multi-layered meanings relevant to, and respectful of, differing cultural perspectives on the past and heritage. Specifically, we wanted to take artifacts out of the logo to show that we aren’t collectors or treasure hunters, but a collection of people who value heritage and culture. To that end, following the selection of the logo, we reached out to local Indigenous Nations to provide an opportunity for them to give feedback on the logo design and to raise any concerns that they may have with the use of symbols important to many Nations. Although we have not yet received comments on the design from all of the Nations we reached out to, the overall response has been very positive. It is worth noting that the final design was done by an experienced graphic designer and likely won the vote due to its simplicity and effectiveness at representing a complex identity. Many of the designs we received were beautifully done, but highly complex, problematic, or did not convey multi-layered meanings or symbolism.

Now that the new logo has been adopted, we will be using it to develop new marketing materials and rebranding our existing social media pages and website. We have begun the process of updating our website. A new theme has been selected and we are updating the pages in the background so the whole revamped website can go live at once, while simultaneously keeping the existing content available to people visiting the website.

We do have a new KEWA editor! As always, we continue to look for new content. If you are interested in submitting something, reach out to our KEWA editor, Katherine Bishop, at oas.kewa@gmail.com. We hope to get started on catching up so that everything is up to date, it will just take a bit of time to do so.

Over the course of 2024, the London Chapter has hosted or been involved in a number of local heritage events. Chapter members Kelly Gostick and Breanne Reibl (OAS Director of Public Outreach) joined with the Museum of Ontario Archaeology (MOA) to run a booth at the London Heritage Fair on February 10th, 2024 at the London Public Library (Central Branch) (below). Chapter President Chris Kerns hosted a booth at the Municipality of West Perth Community Registration Day event Saturday February 24th, 2024. These events were good opportunities to be visible in the wider community and really let people know who we are and what we do. They were also opportunities to speak with other organizations in the heritage field and build relationships that may benefit the Chapter as we continue to grow and expand our activities.

The Chapter once again held its annual picnic at the Ska-Nah-Doht Village and Museum at Longwoods Road Conservation Area on July 7th, 2024. As always, Chris Ellis did artifact identification as part of the event. This year we also spoke with collectors and obtained locations for where some of their collections came from and documented as much as we could. We hope to go through the process of registering them as site leads with the MCM. Not only was this a great event for the chapter but it also included further community outreach and the chance to contribute to our knowledge of archaeological materials in Ontario.



Breanne Reibl (left), Kelly Gostick, and Leanne Doxtater (right) at the London Heritage Fair.

In September, board members Chris Kerns, Katherine Bishop, and Chris Ellis along with Chapter member Rachelle Carter took part in Doors Open London at MOA (right). This was a joint event between MOA, Western Anthropology Graduate Society (WAGS), TMHC Inc., and the London Chapter of the OAS. Over 200 people attended the event and it was another opportunity to show our presence in the local community.



Chris Ellis at Doors Open London.

Finally, the London Chapter coordinated a public archaeology event at the Van Egmond House property in Egmondsville, Ontario on October 5, 2024 (below). A total of 27 volunteers spent a perfect fall day conducting a Stage 2 test pit survey of the Van Egmond site (AjHi-4 and AjHi-10) to aid in future planning and development of the Museum and grounds. We had volunteers of all ages, with over two thirds of the volunteers having never done any archaeology previously.

The catalyst for the project was when the Van Egmond Foundation approached the Chapter about conducting the archaeology in June 2024. The Chapter agreed to coordinate the work, developed a work plan, and successfully implemented it. The entire property was registered as a site in 1980 and excavations were conducted on the property by staff from the what is now Museum of Ontario Archaeology that year. However, only a small portion of the site was excavated or tested in 1980. As such, we did not know the extent of the site and conducted the project to better inform future decisions for any development the Van Egmond Foundation may plan to enhance their property and programming.



VP Matt Severn and volunteers Amelia and Matt Beaudoin at Van Egmond House.

We brought in MOA as a partner on the project and were sponsored by TMHC Inc. MOA is providing lab space while TMHC provided equipment during the assessment. We engaged with local Indigenous communities and were joined by a representative from the Wiikwédong First Nation (Chippewas of Kettle and Stoney Point). Over the next few months, we will be washing and cataloguing the artifacts recovered from the site at MOA and writing a report based on the results. We plan to present the results at the April meeting of the Chapter. The success of the project gives us encouragement and motivation to ensure that we are able to provide more opportunities like this for our members and the public in the future.

Chris Kerns, Chapter President



OTTAWA CHAPTER

Throughout the National Capital Region (NCC), the Ottawa Chapter of the OAS continues to promote interest in archaeology in a number of ways. Our Zoom lecture series continues. The winter program began in February with the presentation by Rory MacKay on the 2023 excavation at the Stephenson site a 19th century Camboose and Shanty in Algonquin Provincial Park. As well, in February, the Chapter participated once again in the Heritage Day event at City Hall by having a display table with artifact replicas and brochures and having personnel attend to respond to enquiries (below). In March, there was a presentation about the *Castellations of the Tionontaté* by Robert Wojtowicz. These are a distinctive component of Iroquoian vessel assemblages.

In April, members toured the Kings of Europe display at the Canadian Museum of history hosted by Pierre Desrosiers. The gallery is an epic journey of 6,500 years from the Neolithic to the Iron Age and houses some 700 objects from 26 institutions from across southeastern Europe. In May it was back to a Zoom meeting with an interesting presentation by Jean-Luc Pilon on the Shipwrecks of the East Coast of Hudson's Bay.



Bill MacLennan, Treasurer (left), and Chapter President Phil Trottier at Heritage Day.

Once again in partnership with Friends of Bonnechere Park, the Chapter hosted the Archaeology Days at Bonnechere Provincial Park. This was a several day event with activities for children highlighted. On the Saturday evening the video *Paddling through the Past* by Jean-Luc Pilon was shown. It is a presentation about the archaeology of the Ottawa River and was well received along with the popcorn.

As well, a limited stage 3 excavation was conducted at the Dickerson site over three days with members and park staff. The project was led by Courtney Cameron of Cameron Heritage Consulting Inc. and Ken Swayze of Kinickinick Heritage Consulting. Additionally, a shoreline survey was conducted by Aaron Mior and Bradley Drouin of True North Archaeological Services Inc.



Once again, the NCC led by Monica Maika and Bob Clarke held public archaeology days at the site on the Quebec side of the Ottawa River at Leamy Lake Park (left). A number of members participated in this site excavation.

The Fall session was busy. In September, Dr. Tim Abel gave a Zoom presentation on the recovery and mitigation of historic graves in Heuvelton New York, while in October the representatives from Anishinabe Odjibikan gave a Zoom presentation on their field work along the Ottawa River. In November, Courtney Cameron gave a presentation on the recent work at the Dickerson Site.

We believe the OAS needs to update outreach materials, brochures as well as electronic media so as to reach out more readily, not only to our members, but to the greater public. Many of our virtual lectures are available for viewing on our YouTube site and the Chapter newsletters remain available on our website. Twitter and Facebook and the website have been in operation for a few years now and provide a lot of information about archaeology in the National Capital Region. However, in an ever-changing world we need to stay current and to update our Chapter website.



We continue to receive enquiries through our post box (snail mail) as well as our website email, which is contact@ottawaoas.ca and respond accordingly to these enquiries. We continue to use email in our communication with chapter members. As email is one of the main tools for communicating with our members, we have

followed up on the Mail Chimp training provided earlier in the year and now use this method in our email communication. Many thanks to Chris Kerns for this initiative. Recently we provided a back issue of *Ontario Archaeologist* as was requested by an individual doing some research. We have received a proposal for the 2025 PAPA award and will consider it due course.

We continue to liaise with AIA and promote and participate in their programs to the extent possible.

As Chapter President, I can say much of what we have accomplished is due in large part to the terrific participation of the Executive. I would like to thank Monica Maika, our Secretary, Bill MacLennan our Treasurer as well as the Directors Pierre Desrosiers, Stephanie Carles, Marian Clark, Aaron Mior, Bradley Drouin and Yvon Riendeau.

Respectfully submitted,
Philippe G. Trottier, Chapter President



PETERBOROUGH CHAPTER

This has been a slow year for events sponsored by the Peterborough Chapter of the Ontario Archaeological Society, however certain items merit acknowledgement.

First and foremost, Chapter Vice President and previous OAS Emerson Award recipient, Bill Fox (CM), is to be invested as a member of the Order of Canada!

From the Office of the Governor General: *William Fox is one of Canada's foremost authorities on archaeology. A research fellow and adjunct professor at Trent University, this retired public servant and long-standing leader of the Ontario Archaeological Society devoted his career to advancing knowledge of Canada's archaeological past. He was among the first to advocate the participation of Indigenous communities in preserving their material heritage, thus broadening our understanding of Canadian history.*



Bill Fox (left) chasing chert with Jamie Hunter.

Please join us in offering Bill our congratulations on a well-deserved honour.

Our Board of Directors is seeing some changes as Chapter Secretary Dirk Verhulst and Director-at-Large Morgan Tamplin have retired from their roles, both being charter members of the Chapter (see below).

In addition to his duties as secretary, Dirk served as editor of our newsletter, *Strata*. He was very active in the chapter's hosting of the 2014 OAS symposium, after which he received the Peggy Armstrong Public Archaeology Award in recognition of his efforts in assembling Peterborough's Archaeology Week to accompany the sessions. The following year, Dirk was editor of the Chapter's first book, *Peterborough Archaeology*, which subsequently received the OAS Award for Excellence in Publishing. The next year, he and chapter member Rita Granda co-edited *A Block in Time: The Archaeology and History of the MNR Block*, which also received that honour. In 2019, that same team assembled *The Ancestors Speak: Stories from the Brock Street Site*, an important sharing of the grey literature surrounding this discovery. His final job for the Chapter was in contributing to an issue of *Strata* in memory of Gidigaa Migizi – Doug Williams, of the Mississaugas of Curve Lake First Nation, who had passed away in the year previous.

Morgan, in turn, was a driving force behind the establishment of a Peterborough Chapter, and quietly but effectively conducted advocacy for both the chapter and on matters of local heritage. His sage advice on the Board was always appreciated. Both gentlemen performed roles that were critical to the functioning of the chapter, and their shoes will be tough to fill.

As Chapter President, I'd like to thank the remaining members of our Board of Directors for their continued assistance and support:

- Bill Fox - Vice President
- Deb Mohr - Treasurer
- Julie Kapyrka - Indigenous Liaison
- Bob Pearce - Director
- Sheryl Smith - Director

We also welcome to the board, David Harris, an enthusiastic participant in local matters archaeological, and contributor to the recent publication, *The History and Archaeology of the Iroquois du Nord* (Williamson/Von Bitter).



Left to right: Tom Mohr, Dirk Verhulst, and Morgan Tamplin.

Peterborough Chapter hosted only two general meetings over the 2023-2024 season and our speakers were Bob Pearce, on “*The Rice Lake Trading Post*”, and Christian Gates St-Pierre, speaking about “*A Field School Story: Ancient Technologies, Foodways and Social Choices at a XIVth Century Iroquoian Site.*” Both presentations were very interesting, and conducted over Zoom.

In April, Chapter President Tom Mohr delivered a presentation entitled “*Digging Up The Past: an Informal Guide to Ontario Archaeology*” to the Millbrook and Caven Historical Society, and in June, to the Central Durham Probus Club, this time with extra emphasis on the Rouge Valley.

Thanks to a generous donation of ‘orphaned’ artifacts from Jamie Hunter, the Chapter has once again partnered with the Museum Management and Curatorship program at Fleming College; this time to prepare a portable display case of French colonial artifacts for public outreach. Many thanks to Program Coordinator, Dr. Amy Barron for the collaboration.

The Chapter has recently been called upon to assist the City of Kawartha Lakes in its preparations for an Archaeological Management Plan being assembled by TMHC Inc. We will be joining the public outreach conducted by the city’s heritage planning officer, with a series of 14 events across the municipality.

Our Facebook page remains a very efficient tool for keeping a presence using social media. Job opportunities, chapter meetings and announcements, items of topical interest and even the odd funny are frequently passed along to our ‘Friends List’ which currently numbers 351 individuals. A substantial email list of ‘Friends,’ is used primarily to circulate meeting dates and chapter news. Our paid membership stands at 25.

We look forward to an active season ahead for the Peterborough Chapter.

*Respectfully submitted,
Tom Mohr, Chapter President*



THUNDER BAY CHAPTER

The Thunder Bay Chapter of the OAS has faced some challenges recently in securing new presenters for our regular meetings, as many of our regular contributors have presented multiple times over the years. However, on March 1st, 2024, I delivered a presentation entitled “*Perspectives on the Variability of Lithic Material in the Thunder Bay Area*”, where I shared my knowledge of raw lithic materials gathered over many years (see abstract).

From March 15th to 16th, we successfully hosted the annual **Lake Superior Basin Workshop**, marking our first in-person hosting since the COVID-19 pandemic. We had hosted the two online events in 2020 and 2021 and the event was held in Grand Portage, Minnesota last year. This workshop/small conference has been held for over 40 years now and alternates between Northern U.S.A and NW Ontario locations each March near St. Patrick’s Day. It was well attended and it was a pleasure to reconnect with old friends and colleagues from the U.S.A and Canada. It is one

of the best events for remembering that the current political boundaries were not in place for Indigenous people in the past.

For the second year in a row, a collaboration of archaeologists from Thunder Bay helped teach the week long Indigenous Archaeological Training Program at Lakehead University including some field work. Several members of our chapter (President of the OAS Jill Taylor-Hollings, Chris McEvoy, and myself), in collaboration with Woodland Heritage Northwest (sponsored by Hydro One – Waasigan Transmission Line) and Lakehead University's Department of Anthropology worked together to provide a brief course to people from about 10 different Indigenous communities, with the final outcome being an OAS certificate. This year, several students from Lakehead University's Nijjii Mentorship Program, helped with the training, since they had worked with the department last year. Chris, Jill and I worked with the mentorship students all summer again. We also supervised two OAS Summer Experience Opportunities students this year – Lauryn Eady-Sitar (Symposium Assistant) and Nalaeah Pugliese (Northern Collections Assistant).

In addition to these events, many of our volunteer members had been actively preparing for the 2024 Annual OAS Symposium, which took place in Thunder Bay from October 25th to 27th. Jill Taylor-Hollings (President, OAS) and I were the co-hosts along with a committee of great volunteers. This chapter had not hosted it since 1995, so it was certainly our turn to have it in NW Ontario. We had a successful and engaging symposium this year. Thanks to everyone who sponsored, presented or travelled a long way to attend in Thunder Bay!

Abstract

Clarence Surette

Perspectives on the Variability of Lithic Material in the Thunder Bay Area

Little is known about the variation of lithic raw material used in Northwestern Ontario. This often reflects superficial macroscopic raw material description in the literature, limited comparative collections, and a misunderstanding of regional geological characterizations. During the cataloguing process many archaeologically recovered lithic material types are erroneously categorized, and only well-known types are published in the literature. Understanding the local geology is crucial in determining possible quarry locations and selection of raw lithic material types. Therefore, many lithic samples were collected from various outcrops and secondary sources (glacial till, moraines) to address the range of lithic raw materials found in the Thunder Bay area, with special attention to the siliceous rocks of the Gunflint Iron Formation (GIF). Preliminary research indicates that there are many under-documented and previously undefined types within the GIF, which may be confused with other local and non-local lithic materials from other formations.

Clarence Surette, Chapter President



TORONTO CHAPTER

The Toronto Chapter of the OAS has been undergoing a transformation. This is due to the original executive members volunteering for a long time and wanting to move on to other things. However, a group of enthusiastic archaeologists are working on new ideas for this chapter, in the largest city in Ontario and where the OAS first began. The OAS Board of Directors, primarily headed up by Director of Chapter Services Susan Dermakar (see her report), has been assisting. We look forward to hearing more from the revamped OAS Toronto Chapter in 2025!



WINDSOR CHAPTER

The Windsor Chapter had an excellent year! We held our first in person meeting since COVID-19 restrictions on October 18th. Dr. Beverly Smith, a long-time Chapter member, presented on a Late Woodland Burial Site in Flint Michigan. Below is her abstract:

Abstract

The Stone Street Recovery and Reburial Project – A Late Woodland Burial Site in Downtown Flint, MI

Beverley A. Smith, Professor Emeritus, University of Michigan-Flint

An urban renewal project to construct new housing in a 19th /20th century blighted neighborhood in downtown Flint, MI resulted in the disinterment of more than 100 fragmented individuals and AFO's from a large, previously unreported Late Woodland burial site. A collaboration between archaeologists and the Ziibiwing Center of Anishinabe Culture and Lifeways, Saginaw Chippewa Tribe of Michigan was formed to recover, analyze, and rebury the remains at the locality. This paper reports on the archaeological results of this 3-year recovery effort and addresses the rewards and challenges of community-based and indigenous archaeology and our ongoing collaboration to protect cultural resources in the city of Flint, MI.

On December 6th, 2023, we held a social to give the members a chance to mingle and get reacquainted with each other. Then, on February 10th, the Windsor Chapter took a tour of the Freedom Museum in Amherstburg (right). to celebrate and honour Black History Month.



On April 14th, the Windsor Chapter gathered for a tour of the Transportation Museum in Kingsville, for a guided tour of the historic village and transportation museum. Our final meeting before the summer was on June 8th, where the Windsor Chapter had a wonderful guided tour of Fort Malden in Amherstburg (below).

The Windsor Chapter executive has also been in the midst of organizing the 2025 Annual OAS Symposium with different groups from this area and the OAS Board of Directors. We look forward to seeing you there!

Amanda Black, Chapter President



The Windsor Chapter members tour Fort Malden.

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Financial Statements

December 31, 2023

October 9, 2024

INDEPENDENT PRACTITIONER'S REVIEW ENGAGEMENT REPORT

To the Board of Directors of
The Ontario Archaeological Society

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of The Ontario Archaeological Society (the Organization) that comprise the statement of financial position as at December 31, 2023, the statement of operations and changes in fund balances, and statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and a summary of significant accounting policies.

Management's Responsibility for the Financial Statements

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations, and for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Practitioner's Responsibility

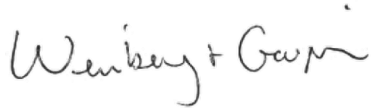
Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the accompanying financial statements based on our review. We conducted our review in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements, which require us to comply with relevant ethical requirements.

A review of financial statements in accordance with Canadian generally accepted standards for review engagements is a limited assurance engagement. The practitioner performs procedures, primarily consisting of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, and applying analytical procedures, and evaluates the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less in extent than, and vary in nature from, those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with Canadian generally accepted auditing standards. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion on these financial statements.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of The Ontario Archaeological Society as at December 31, 2023, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations.

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Wenberg & Gump". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

CPA LLP
Licensed Public Accountants
Toronto, Ontario, Canada
October 9, 2024

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Statement of Financial Position As at December 31

	2023	2022 (Note 9)
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash	\$ 83,807	\$ 96,832
Accounts receivable	12,117	3,677
Prepays and advances	5,596	5,666
Investments (Note 2)	<u>246,678</u>	<u>208,212</u>
	348,198	314,387
Investments (Note 2)	185,852	174,933
Capital assets (Note 3)	<u>524</u>	<u>772</u>
	<u>\$ 534,574</u>	<u>\$ 490,092</u>
Liabilities and Fund Balances		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable (Note 4)	\$ 25,122	\$ 21,704
Deferred revenue (Note 5)	<u>2,909</u>	<u>1,851</u>
	<u>28,031</u>	<u>23,555</u>
Fund balances		
Endowment fund		
OAS Publications fund	188,773	188,473
Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund	<u>28,882</u>	<u>24,537</u>
	<u>217,655</u>	<u>213,010</u>
Restricted fund		
Restricted Projects fund	38,012	16,730
OAS Awards fund	<u>5,300</u>	<u>4,654</u>
	<u>43,312</u>	<u>21,384</u>
Unrestricted fund		
OAS Future fund	<u>245,576</u>	<u>232,143</u>
	<u>506,543</u>	<u>466,537</u>
	<u>\$ 534,574</u>	<u>\$ 490,092</u>

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Statement of Operations and Changes in Fund Balances Year ended December 31

	Endowment Fund	Restricted Fund	Unrestricted Fund	Total 2023	Total 2022
Revenue					
Grants	\$ -	\$ 46,372	\$ 53,436	\$ 99,808	\$ 53,067
Membership fees	-	-	28,713	28,713	27,905
Symposium income	2,623	-	34,020	36,643	14,801
Subscription income	3,882	-	1,065	4,947	5,235
Donations	1,280	700	50	2,030	2,231
Sales	-	-	-	-	493
Investment income (Note 2)	<u>13,810</u>	<u>308</u>	<u>15,349</u>	<u>29,467</u>	<u>(33,130)</u>
	21,595	47,380	132,633	201,608	70,602
Expenses					
Salary	-	17,520	56,237	73,757	18,125
Symposium	-	-	21,668	21,668	10,898
Professional fees	-	7,338	8,899	16,237	15,622
Publication	16,035	-	-	16,035	19,973
Office and general	915	594	10,109	11,618	6,281
Insurance	-	-	7,184	7,184	6,637
Rent	-	-	7,105	7,105	6,966
Production costs	-	-	4,987	4,987	5,629
Bank charges and fees	-	-	2,763	2,763	2,926
Amortization	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>248</u>	<u>452</u>
	<u>16,950</u>	<u>25,452</u>	<u>119,200</u>	<u>161,602</u>	<u>93,509</u>
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	4,645	21,928	13,433	40,006	(22,907)
Fund balances, opening	<u>213,010</u>	<u>21,384</u>	<u>232,143</u>	<u>466,537</u>	<u>489,444</u>
Fund balances, closing	<u>\$ 217,655</u>	<u>\$ 43,312</u>	<u>\$ 245,576</u>	<u>\$ 506,543</u>	<u>\$ 466,537</u>

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Statement of Cash Flows Year ended December 31

	2023	2022
Cash flows from operating activities		
Excess (deficiency) of revenue over expenses	\$ 40,006	\$ (22,907)
Non-operating items – Endowment contributions	(7,785)	(700)
Items not affecting cash or operations		
Amortization	248	452
Unrealized (gain) loss on investments	<u>(15,036)</u>	<u>48,780</u>
	17,433	25,625
Net changes in working capital balances		
Accounts receivable	(8,440)	13,291
Prepaid expenses	70	(124)
Accounts payable	3,418	(1,487)
Deferred revenue	<u>1,058</u>	<u>(1,262)</u>
	<u>13,539</u>	<u>36,043</u>
Cash flows from financing activities		
Endowment contributions	<u>7,785</u>	<u>700</u>
Cash flows from investing activities		
Acquisition of investments	<u>(34,349)</u>	<u>(26,200)</u>
Net (decrease) increase in cash	(13,025)	10,543
Cash, beginning of year	<u>96,832</u>	<u>86,289</u>
Cash, end of year	<u>\$ 83,807</u>	<u>\$ 96,832</u>

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Nature of operations

The Ontario Archaeological Society (the Organization or OAS) was incorporated without share capital by letters patent on December 21, 1956 under The Ontario Corporations Act, 1953.

The objective of the Organization is to preserve, promote, investigate, record and publish an archaeological record of the Province of Ontario. The Organization aims to encourage advancement of archaeology in the fields of learning and culture, promote ethical practices, discourage illegal archaeological looting and destruction, publish archaeological findings and overall broaden interest in archaeology to all Ontarians and beyond.

Funding for the Organization is provided by annual membership fees which includes subscription fees for the Organization's journal, sale of advertising on website, annual Provincial Heritage Organization (PHO) operating grant from Ministry of Tourism, Culture and Sport, annual Summer Experience Program (SEP) grant for temporary student employment positions, and annual symposium income.

The Organization is a Canadian Registered Charity under Income Tax Act (Canada) and is therefore exempt from income taxes. The Organization must meet certain requirements under the Act. In the opinion of management, these requirements have been met.

1. Significant accounting policies

Basis of accounting

These financial statements have been prepared by management in accordance with Canadian accounting standards for not-for-profit organizations (ASNPO), accordingly, these financial statements have been prepared in accordance with Canadian general accepted accounting principles.

Fund accounting

The financial statements include the following funds:

- i) The Endowment fund is comprised of the endowment principle and corresponding expendable funds of the Ontario Archaeology Publication fund and the Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund.

The Ontario Archaeology Publication fund is dedicated to provide long-term income for the publication of at least one issue per year of the Ontario Archaeology journal.

The Valerie Sonstenes Student Research fund is intended to support graduate student research that relates to and advances knowledge on Ontario's archaeological record. The interest of this fund will provide students with small grants to assist them in undertaking research for Masters, PhD or postdoctoral level projects. Funding will be directed to support costs directly related to obtaining data for research that otherwise could not be paid for.

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1. Significant accounting policies (*continued*)

Fund accounting (*continued*)

- ii) The Restricted fund is comprised of the Restricted Projects fund and OAS Awards fund.

The Restricted Projects fund's purpose is to deliver programs and special projects as specified by the donor, as stipulated by the funder or as determined by the Board. The Organization received funding from the Community Services Recovery Fund (CSRF) through United Way Thunder Bay to adapt training workshops offered by the Organization to train Indigenous archaeological monitors in northern First Nations communities. The Charles Garrad Avocational Archaeological Collections Fund was established to support the transition of archaeological collections, including artifacts and documentation, from avocational archaeologists to long-term permanent curation facilities.

The OAS Awards fund is for the annual presentation of awards in recognition of a significant contribution to archaeology in Ontario by a member of the Organization.

- iii) The Unrestricted Fund is comprised of the OAS Future fund.

The OAS Future fund's purpose is to assist in supporting the administrative expenses of the Organization in the future.

Revenue recognition

The Organization follows the restricted fund method of accounting for contributions.

Grants are recognized in revenue when received or receivable if the amount to be received can be reasonably estimated and collection is reasonably assured.

Membership fees, symposium income and subscription income are recognized in revenue in the period for which the fees or income relate.

Donations are recognized in revenue when received. Included in donations are donations received from the Symposium event.

Sales are recognized in revenue when goods or services have been delivered.

Investment income is accrued and recognized in revenue as earned. Investment income includes interest and dividend income, and realized and unrealized gains and losses.

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1. Significant accounting policies (*continued*)

Capital assets

Capital assets are recorded at acquisition cost. Amortization is provided as follows:

Office equipment	20%	Declining balance
Computer equipment	55%	Declining balance

Use of estimates

The preparation of financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of income and expenditures during the reported period. Primary component of these financial statements which include estimates is: investments with respect to valuation. Actual results could differ from management's best estimates as additional information becomes available in the future.

Financial Instruments

The Organization initially recognizes financial instruments at fair value and subsequently measures them at each reporting date as follows:

<u>Asset/liability</u>	<u>Measurement</u>
Cash	Fair value
Investments	Fair value
Accounts receivable	Amortized cost
Accounts payable	Amortized cost

Financial assets measured at amortized cost are assessed at each reporting date for indications of impairment. If such impairment exists, the asset is written down and the resulting impairment loss is recognized in the statement of operations and changes in net assets balance for the period.

The Organization recognizes its transaction costs in net income in the period incurred.

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2. Investments

Investments are comprised of:

	2023	2022
Canadian fixed income	\$ 176,424	\$ 139,271
Canadian equities	150,516	139,322
US equities	<u>105,590</u>	<u>104,552</u>
Investments at fair value	<u>\$ 432,530</u>	<u>\$ 383,145</u>
Less: current portion of investments	<u>(246,678)</u>	<u>(208,212)</u>
Long-term portion of investments	<u>\$ 185,852</u>	<u>\$ 174,933</u>

Investment income is comprised of:

	2023	2022
Interest and dividends	\$ 14,431	\$ 15,650
Unrealized gains (losses)	<u>15,036</u>	<u>(48,780)</u>
	<u>\$ 29,467</u>	<u>\$ (33,130)</u>

3. Capital assets

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net 2023
Office equipment	\$ 2,430	\$ 2,026	\$ 404
Computer equipment	<u>1,816</u>	<u>1,696</u>	<u>120</u>
	<u>\$ 4,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,722</u>	<u>\$ 524</u>

	Cost	Accumulated amortization	Net 2022
Office equipment	\$ 2,430	\$ 1,925	\$ 505
Computer equipment	<u>1,816</u>	<u>1,549</u>	<u>267</u>
	<u>\$ 4,246</u>	<u>\$ 3,474</u>	<u>\$ 772</u>

4. Accounts payable

At December 31, 2023, there is \$2,239 (2022 - \$NIL) owing with respect to source deductions. Accrued liabilities are unsecured and not subject to any terms or covenants.

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5. Deferred revenue

Deferred revenue represents amounts received in the current period related to events of a subsequent period. These revenues are received from members in advance for annual membership, or subscription to the Organization's journals.

6. Financial instruments and risk management

The Organization is exposed to various risks through its financial instruments. The following analysis provides a measure of the Organization's risk exposure and concentrations at the balance sheet date.

Credit risk

Credit risk is the risk that one party to a financial instrument will cause a financial loss for the other party by failing to discharge an obligation. The Organization is exposed to credit risk on its accounts receivable. This risk is limited to the balance on the financial statements.

Liquidity risk

Liquidity risk is the risk that the Organization will encounter difficulty in meeting obligations associated with financial liabilities. The Organization manages this risk by ensuring it has sufficient cash to meet its financial liabilities.

Market risk

Market risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of change in market prices. Market risk comprises three types of risk: currency risk, interest rate risk and other price risk.

Currency risk

Currency risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in foreign exchange rates. The Organization's investments include US equities, the value of which fluctuates in part due to changes in foreign exchange rates. The US equities are denominated in currencies other than Canadian dollars and are therefore directly exposed to currency risk as the value of these investments will fluctuate due to changes in exchange rates.

Interest rate risk

Interest rate risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market interest rates. The Organization's investments in Canadian fixed income are exposed to interest rate risk.

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7. Financial instruments and risk management (*continued*)

Market risk (*continued*)

Other price risk

Other price risk is the risk that the fair value or future cash flows of a financial instrument will fluctuate because of changes in market prices (other than those arising from interest rate risk or currency risk), whether those changes are caused by factors specific to the individual financial instrument or its issuer, or factors affecting all similar financial instruments traded in the market. The Organization is exposed to other price risk due to market fluctuations on its investments in equity and fixed income securities.

The Organization manages these risks by holding the funds in balanced mutual funds. It is management's opinion that the Organization is not exposed to significant risk arising from its financial instruments.

8. Guarantees

In the normal course of business, the Organization enters into agreements that meet the definition of a guarantee. Indemnity has been provided to all directors and officers of the Organization for various items including, but not limited to, all costs to settle suits or actions due to involvement with the Organization, subject to certain restrictions.

Directors' and officers' liability insurance has been purchased to mitigate the cost of any potential future suits or actions. The term of the indemnification is not explicitly defined but is limited to the period over which the indemnification party served as a director or officer of the Organization.

There are no lawsuits or potential lawsuits or actions pending and therefore the maximum amount of any potential future payment cannot be reasonably determined.

9. Comparative figures

Certain figures have been restated to conform with the current year's presentation.